## 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2013 KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1<sup>st,</sup> 2013 TO MARCH 31<sup>st,</sup> 2013. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DAT E	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/1	10:02	1:30	PEOPLE WITHOUT A HOME HAVE A NEW PLACE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS WINTER WEATHER. GUESTS WERE ABLE TO BEGIN ARRIVING AT THE WILKES BOULEVARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT SEVEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT. THE ROOM AT THE INN OPENED TONIGHT AND GOES THROUGH FEBRUARY, IT COULD POSSIBLY STAY OPEN IN MARCH DEPENDING ON HOW COLD IT GETS HERE IN COLUMBIA.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/2	6:01	1:15	ONE PATIENT KILLS ANOTHER AT THE TRUMAN VA HOSPITAL OVER NIGHTYET HOSPITAL OFFICIALS WITHHOLD DETAILS OF THE ATTACK FROM THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE BEEN CALLING AND CALLING THE V-A TO SEE IF IT CAN GIVE US ANY MORE INFORMATION, BUT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER STEPHEN GAITHER HAS REFUSED TO RELEASE ANYTHING BUT THE BASIC FACT OF THE CASETHAT ONE PATIENT KILLED ANOTHER IN AN ATTACK.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/3	5:08	1:00	MISSOURI FARMERS HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER YEAR TO SEE ANY CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT FARM PROGRAMS.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:07		THE FARM BILL OF 2008 WAS SET TO EXPIRE LAST SEPTEMBER, BUT WHEN CONGRESS PASSED THE FISCAL CLIFF PACKAGE TUESDAY, THEY EXTENDED THE BILL

	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		9:05 10:10		UNTIL NEXT SEPTEMBER. PASSING THE EXTENSION DIVERTED THE POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT MANDATED MILK PRICES WHICH COULD HAVE DOUBLED THE PRICE OF MILK. IT ALSO KEPT GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES, DIRECT PAYMENTS, AND CROP INSURANCE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	1/4	12:10	2:25	ARE YOU CRANKING UP THE HEAT DURING THESE WINTER MONTHS? WHILE MOST NEWER FURNACES OPERATE AT ABOUT 80 PERCENT FUEL EFFICIENCY, NEW FEDERAL REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT NEXT YEAR THAT WILL CHANGE EVERYTHING. JEFFREY DEMARS SHOWS US HOW THE NEW REGULATIONS COULD COST HOMEOWNERS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/5	10:20	1:10	M-U, STEPHENS COLLEGE AND COLUMBIA COLLEGE HAVE BEEN OUT OF SESSION FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS AND SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES HAVE SEEN FEWER CUSTOMERS SINCE THEN. I SPOKE WITH MATT HUDSON, A MANAGER AT CAMPUS BAR AND GRILL AND HE SAID THAT THEY SAW A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN BUSINESS WHEN THE BREAK BEGAN AND IT HAS BEEN SLOWLY BUILDING BACK UP AFTER THE NEW YEAR WHEN STUDENTS BEGAN TO RETURN.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/6	10:01	1:15	ONE OF THE BIGGEST POINTS OF CONTROVERY BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS WILL BE THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID. SHORTLY AFTER HIS RE-ELECTION DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR JAY NIXON CALLED FOR THE EXPANSION UNDER PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FEDERAL HEALTH CARE LAW. NIXON CITED REPORTS THAT EXPANDING THE PROGRAM WOULD BRING MORE THAN 24-THOUSAND NEW JOBS TO THE STATE BY 2014. BUT THAT WON'T BE AN EASY SELL FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR WHO NOW FACES A REPUBLICAN SUPER MAJORITY IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE IN HIS SECOND TERM.

					REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS HAVE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION IN THE PLAN AND SOME EVEN GIVE THE EXPANSION NO CHANCE TO PASS IN MISSOURI.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/7	10:03	1:20	THE COLUMBIA COUNCIL DECIDED ON TWO BIG ISSUES AT TONIGHT'S MEETING THE NIERDEMEYER BUILDING AND THE EEZ BOARD.  THE CITY COUNCIL TABLED A BILL FORCING A SUSPENSION OF DEMOLITION PERMITS IN THE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.  MAYOR BOB MCDAVID SAYS HE'S HAD AT LEAST TEN LETTERS THREATENING TO SUE THE CITY IF THE BILL WAS PASSED.  ALSO, THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DISSOLVE THE EEZ BOARD.  THE VOTE ENDS AN EFFORT TO CREATE A CITY ENTERPRISE ZONE THAT WOULD ALLOW PROPERTY TAX REDUCTIONS AND STATE TAX CREDITS TO CERTAIN BUSINESSES.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/8	6:11 9:03 10:03	1:05	A TWO-HOUR POLICE STANDOFF NEAR A DAYCARE ENDS WITH NO SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY AND POSSIBLY MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. POLICE RESPONDED TO A WOMAN CALLER SAYING SHE WAS THREATENED BY A MAN WITH A GUN INSIDE THE HOUSE. POLICE WERE SEEN OUTSIDE WITH GUNS POINTED AT THE FRONT DOOR. A POLICE NEGOTIATIOR CALLED THE NAME "BRIAN" OVER A MEGA-PHONE, ASKING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TO COME OUT AND SPEAK WITH POLICE. AROUND 6:30, POLICE LEFT AFTER FIGURING OUT THE SUSPECT WAS NOT INSIDE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/9	10:05	:55	COLUMBIA SCHOOL CHILDREN COULD SEE SOME CHANGES TO THEIR MORNING ROUTINE NEXT YEAR.

					THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT IS DISCUSSING A PROPOSAL TO GO FROM THE CURRENT TWO-TIER BELL SYSTEM TO A THREE-TIER BELL SYSTEM. UNDER THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM HIGH SCHOOLERS WOULD HAVE TO START TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES SOONER AT SEVEN-TWENTY A-M. MIDDLE SCHOOL WOULD FOLLOW WITH AN EIGHT-TEN START TIME AND ELEMENTARY COMES LAST AT NINE-TEN A-M. THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE BUS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MORE EFFICIENT.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE, CW	1/10	9:06 5:01	1:05	IN THE WEEKLY FLU REPORT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MISSOURI HAS DERTERMINED THAT THE INFLUENZA HAS GONE FROM REGIONAL TO WIDESPREAD.
	AT FIVE		5.01		THE FLU HAS REACHED AN EARLY PEAK THIS YEAR AS THE MOST CASES USUALLY OCCUR AROUND
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:01		FEBRURARY. THE CDC HAS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:05		AVOIDING THE FURTHER SPREAD OF FLU THIS SEASON INCLUDING COVERING YOUR MOUTH WHEN YOU COUGH OR SNEEZE, WASHING HANDS FREQUENTLY, AND AVOIDING SICK PEOPLE.  THE BOONE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STILL ADVISES EVERYONE GET THE VACCINE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	1/11	12:03	:44	THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI SYSTEM ANNOUNCED THEIR NEWEST FUNDING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO INCREASE RESEARCH ACTIVITY ON THE FOUR SYSTEM CAMPUSES. OFFICIALS HOPE THE PROGRAMS LEADS TO RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES AND COMMERCIALIZATION. THE FUND WILL START AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND EACH FACULTY MEMBERS CAN REQUEST UP TO 25-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY	1/12	5:19	1:50	ONE OF JEFFERSON CITY'S HOTTEST DEBATES RAGED CONTINUED WEDNESDAY NIGHT OVER

IODS/ECONOMY	KOMIL O NEWO	4/42	5.02	.54	PLANS OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL.  THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE IN OCTOBER  THE MEETING WAS FOR PARENTS TO ADDRESS SCHOOL OFFICIALS OVER THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEW PLANS.  CURRENTLY, OFFICIALS PLAN TO BUILD A SEVEN-ACADEMY BUILDING AT HIGHWAY 179 AND MISSION DRIVE.  THE BUILDING'S WOULD BE CONNECTED AS ONE, INDOOR AREA WITH ONE ENTRANCE FOR SAFETY REASONS.  A BOND TO FUND THE PROJECT WILL GO TO APRIL BALLLOT THIS YEAR.  IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO TO PLAN, THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN BY THE 20-15 SCHOOL YEAR.  SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN MITCHELL SAYS HE HAS NOTHING AGAINST TWO SCHOOLS, BUT ONE SCHOOL IS BEST.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS	1/13	5:02 9:02	:51	THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS WERE BUSY FOR ONE NEW COLUMBIA RESTAURANT.  THIP THAI CUISINE OPENED LAST MONDAY ON EAST BROADWAY IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA.
	AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:03		WITH THE NEW RESTAURANT COMES MORE JOBS FOR MID MISSOURI. THE OWNER OF THIP THAI CUISINE IS LOOKING TO HIRE MORE WORKERS AS BUSINESS INCREASES. THE RESTAURANT CURRENTLY HAS ABOUT 8 DIFFERENT POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/14	5:02	:38	GOVERNOR NIXON TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR A SECOND TIME AT NOON TODAY. NIXON TOLD THE CROWD HE WAS PROUD OF
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:03		HOW MISSOURIANS WORK TOGETHER TO RECOVER FROM DISASTERS.  THE GOVERNOR DISMISSED CONCERNS ABOUT
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:03		PARTISANSHIP.  HE SAYS MISSOURI'S GOVERNMENT IS NO MORE DIVIDED THAN IT WAS WHEN HE ENTERED THE STATE

					SENATE 30 YEARS AGO.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE  KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX  KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE  KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/15	5:06 6:06 9:01 10:01	1:07	FIRE INVESTIGATORS TOLD K-O-M-U TODAY THERE WAS ENOUGH SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR SURROUNDING THE FIRE FOR INVESTIGATORS TO DIG DEEPER. FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED, RESIDENTS LIVING INSIDE THE UPSTAIRS PART OF THE HOME HAD FLED. A SEARCH OF THE HOUSE AND SURROUNDING AREAS UNCOVERED SEVERAL ITEMS CONSISTENT WITH A METHAMPHETAMINE LAB.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	1/16	9:01	1:25	PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NEW GUN CONTROL PLAN INCLUDES FOUR STEPS. LOCAL GUN OWNERS AGREE WITH TWO OF THE FOUR STEPS, BUT SAY THE PLAN DOES NOT CLARIFY COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT GUNS. GUN OWNERS SAY MENTIONING ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES IN THE NEW PLAN ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO FEAR GUNS. EMPLOYEES AT BLACK RIFLE IN COLUMBIA SAY THIS IS MORE TRUE FOR THE GUNS SOLD IN STORES BECAUSE THEY ARE THE APPROVED SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPON. THEY ALSO SAY MILITARY ASSULAULT WEAPONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO REGULAR PEOPLE.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/17	9:01 10:01	2:07	COLE COUNTY DEPUTIES WERE FIRST CALLED TO COLLIER COURT THIS MORNING. THEY WERE CALLED BACK AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON AFTER A FIGHT OVER A GIRL LEAD TO SHOTS FIRED. THE VICTIM TOOK HIMSELF TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE ABDOMEN. AFTER THE SHOOTING A DIFFERENT MAN TRIED TO DRIVE AWAY, BUT WHEN A FEMALE TRIED TO STOP HIM, HE SPED OFF, DRAGGING HER BEHIND HIM.

					DEPUTIES WERE CALLED BACK TO THE AREA THIS EVENING AFTER REPORTS OF MORE FIGHTING.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/18	6:02	:28	IN HONOR OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY WEEKEND, MID MISSOURI'S AMERICORPS VISTA HELD A FRESH FOOD DRIVE TODAY. IT COLLECTED 165 POUNDS OF FRESH FOOD THIS MORNING AT COLUMBIA'S FARMERS MARKET, AND CONTINUED COLLECTING FOOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY AT CLOVER'S NATURAL MARKET. AMERICORPS WILL DONATE THE FRESH FOOD TO THE SALVATION ARMY HARBOR HOUSE, THE CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSES OF COLUMBIA, AND THE LOAVES AND FISHES SOUP KITCHEN.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/18	9:03 10:03	1:07	LOCKED AND LOADED. GUN-ENTHUSIASTS MISSOURIANS GATHERED AT THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY TO TALK ABOUT SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS A RALLY AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL THIS AFTERNOON BROUGHT MISSOURIANS FROM ACROSS THE STATE TO JEFFERSON CITY. THE RALLY WAS ORGANIZED BY THE MISSOURI CHAPTER OF GUNS ACCROSS AMERICA.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/19	10:05	:22	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THREE SUSPECTS WHO ROBBED A COLUMBIA BARBER SHOP. POLICE RESPONDED TO AN ARMED ROBBERY AT PRO-KUTZ ON VANDIVER DRIVE ON FRIDAY NIGHT POLICE SAY TWO ARMED SUSPECTS AND ANOTHER SUSPECT, WORE ALL BLACK CLOTHING AND SKI MASKS AND DEMANDED MONEY AROUND 6:45 FRIDAY EVENING.  POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS THEN FLED ON FOOT  IT'S NOT KNOWN HOW MUCH MONEY OR PROPERTY WAS TAKEN.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/20	10:04	:29	A MISSOURI HOUSE BILL AIMS TO RESTRICT THE USE OF CASH WELFARE BENEFITS AT CASINOS AND

					LIQUOR STORES.  MISSOURI HAS UNTIL 20-14 TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING STATES ADOPT TO THE POLICY OR RISK LOSING 5 PERCENT OF IT'S FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.  THE MISSOURI MEASURE PREVENTS ELECTRONIC BENEFIT CARDS WITH WELFARE BENEFITS FROM BEING USED AT CASINOS AND LIQUOR STORES.  HOWEVER IT CANNOT PREVENT RECIPIENTS FROM MAKING A CASH WITHDRAW AND SPENDING IT AT THOSE LOCATIONS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/21	6:03 9:04 10:11	:38	K-O-M-U SPOKE WITH SEVERAL LABORERS TODAY WHO SAID THEY RESPONDED TO AN AD ON CRAIGSLIST ASKING FOR FRAMING AND GENERAL LABOR WORKERS. THE AD STATES THAT WORKERS WOULD GET ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS A WEEK. THE AD ALSO STATED THE COMPANY WOULD PAY FOR WORKERS' TRAVEL, LODGING AND FOOD EXPENSES. BUT AFTER TWO DAYS OF WORK IN COLUMBIA AND NO SIGN OF FOOD OR MONEY, THE WORKERS SAY THEY'RE DUPEDAND HAVE NO WAY BACK HOME.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE  KOMU 8 NEWS SIX  KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE  KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/22	5:03 6:05 9:02 10:04	:50	COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOT CLOSER TO KNOWING WHERE IT WILL BUILD A NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TODAY.  THE LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE MET THIS MORNING AND NARROWED DOWN ITS SITE OPTIONS FROM 14 TO THREE.  THOSE THREE POSSIBLE SITES ARE ALL ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF TOWN NEAR ROUTE K AND SCOTT BOULVARD.  DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON MICHELLE BAUMSTARK SAYS A NEW SCHOOL IS NEEDED IN THAT AREA TO HELP WITH OVERCROWDING IN NEARBY ELEMENTARIES.

HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/23	9:03 10:04	:39	THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INTRODUCED A NEW SEWER SYSTEM TO A NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY.  THE PROJECT WOULD CHANGE EAST POPLAR HILL DRIVE AREA'S SEWER SYSTEM FROM PRIVATE TO PUBLIC.  ONE ENGINEERING SPECIALIST SAYS THE OLD SYSTEM IS CAUSING UNTREATED SEWAGE TO FLOW OVER THE GROUND DOWNSTREAM.  THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD TREAT THE SEWAGE MORE PROPERLY.  BUT THE COST IS A MAJOR CONCERN TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/24	9:02 10:02	1:08	TONIGHT THERE'S NO ROOM AT THE ROOM AT THE INN SHELTER.  THE HOMELESS SHELTER HAS BEEN OPEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AND FULL EVERY NIGHT.  THE LINE WAS OUT THE DOOR EARLIER THIS EVENING BUT SO FAR EVERYONE HAS FOUND A BED.  BUT THIS HASN'T ALWAYS BEEN THE CASE.  SOME EVENINGS THE SHELTER HAS ACTUALLY HAD TO TRANSFER PEOPLE TO OTHER LOCATIONS.  LUCKILY THIS HAS ONLY HAPPENED TO 5 PEOPLE SO FAR.  THE SHELTER'S MANAGER SAYS THE SPACE IS OPEN FOR EVERYONE AND IT'S WET OR DAMP SHELTER, MEANING PEOPLE CAN'T BRING IN DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, BUT THEY CAN STAY HERE IF INTOXICATED.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/25	9:05 10:04	1:01	YOU CAN SEE THIS AREA AT THE INTERSECTION OF STADIUM AND HIGHWAY 63 IS FULL OF ACTIVITY. OTHER BUSINESSES BESIDES FFO HOME ARE ALSO MOVING IN A BANK, A TACO BELL CHAIN, HOLIDAY INN, AND THE DOMAIN, A STUDENT-HOUSING COMPLEX
					WILL BUILT IN THE CRÖSSCREEK DEVELOPMENT AREA.  THE GRAND OPENING FOR FFO HOME WILL  TAKE PLACE TOMORROW FROM 10 TO 4.  THIS BUSINESS IS MOVING FROM ITS

					PREVIOUS LOCATION OFF VANDIVER DRIVE ON I-70. THE DISTRICT MANAGER TOLD ME IT REQUIRED A BIGGER FACILITY. ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES SAID IT WANTS TO FIT THE NEEDS OF ITS CUSTOMERS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/26	6:03 9:06 10:04	:54	VISITORS FROM AROUND THE STATE SWARMED PARIS, MISSOURI TODAY. A RECORD SETTING CROWD CAME OUT FOR AN ANUUAL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION A TURNOUT THAT WAS ALMOST 5 TIMES THE TOWN'S POPULATION. WHEELER AUCTIONS AND REAL ESTATE SAYS MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE USED FARMING EQUIPMENT AUCTION. THESE PEOPLE CAME FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY TO BID ON ITEMS LIKE TRACTORS AND LOG SPLITTERS. AN ADDITIONAL 400 PEOPLE FROM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA BID ONLINE. THERE WERE AT LEAST 1,000 ITEMS UP FOR SALE. SOME SAID GOING TO AUCTIONS LIKE THIS ONE HAS BECOME A FUN TRADITION
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/27	10:07	1:43	WHETHER YOU SAY TOMATO OR TO-MAH-TO, THE THOUGHT OF HIGHER PRICES WILL HAVE YOU STEWING.  IT'S A POSSIBILITY THIS SPRING, IF A U.S. TRADE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO ENDS.  LEIGH DANA (DAH-nah) REPORTS.  A NEW STUDY BY THE FRESH PRODUCE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAS SHOWS TOMATOES COULD JUMP FROM \$2.50 TO \$5 A POUND IF THE U.S. ENDS ITS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/28	9:01	1:53	EDUCATION, MEDICAID AND MENTAL HEALTHTONIGHT GOVERNOR NIXON HIT ON THOSE POINTS IN MORE IN HIS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS. GOOD EVENING, I'M JIM RIEK. KOMU 8'S GARRETT BERGQUIST JOINS US LIVE FROM THE STATE CAPITOL WITH MORE ON NIXON'S

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					ADDRESS. GARRETT?
					GOVERNOR NIXON CALLED FOR EXPANDING
					THE A-PLUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO EVERY HIGH
					SCHOOL IN THE STATE AND
					ON MEDICAID, NIXON CALLED EXPANDING THE
					PROGRAM A "SMART BUSINESS DECISION" AND "THE
					RIGHT HUMAN DECISION."
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS	1/29	10:01	2:55	JIM AND DANNY, THIS STORY JUST KEEPS
	AT TEN				EXPANDING AND BECOMING MORE COMPLEX, BUT I
	/				LEARNED TODAY THE CONTROVERSY FINALLY COULD
					DISSIPATE TOMORROW, IF NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE
					AMONG ASPEN HEIGHTS, CONTRACTOR R-ENERGY AND
					SEVERAL SUBCONTRACTORS.
					AFTER SPEAKING TO BOTH ASPEN HEIGHTS AND
					R-ENERGY THIS AFTERNOON, IT IS APPARENT THERE
					ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE STORY
					AND POLAR OPPOSITE VIEWS ON WHO IS RESPONSIBLE
					FOR THE UNPAID DEBTS.
					THE CONTROVERY CAME TO LIGHT TWO WEEKS
					AGO, WHEN 11 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FROM
					ATLANTA, GEORGIA CLAIMED THEY RESPONDED TO THIS
					CRAIGSLIST ADPROMISING \$1,000 A WEEK AND FREE
					FOOD AND LODGING, IN EXCHANGE FOR WORK AT THE
					ASPEN HEIGHTS STUDENT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SITE
					IN COLUMBIA
					"The whole thing is a scam."
					AND THE SITUATION EXPANDED TO THREE
					HOTELS, A CONTRACTOR, A DOZEN SUB-CONTRACTORS
					AND AN ESTIMATED 100 WORKERS WORKERS ALL
					HIRED BY SUB-CONTRACTORS UNDER R-ENERGY
					WORKERS WHOM ALL CLAIMED THEY HAD NOT BEEN
					FULLY, IF AT ALL, PAID FOR THEIR WORK AT THE SITE.
					ASPEN HEIGHTS SAYS R-ENERGY IS AT FAULT,
					AND ASPEN TERMINATED R-ENERG'S CONTRACT LATE
					LAST WEEK.
					ASPEN SPOKESPERSON STUART WATKINS HAS
					SAID THOUGH ASPEN HEIGHTS ISN'T DIRECTLY
					RESPONSIBLE, IT HAS REACHED OUT TO THE SEVEN
					SUBCONTRACTORS WHO WORKED UNDER R-ENERGY.
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CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/30	10:01	3:25	IT WAS RIGHT HERE ON THIS LEVEL OF THE GARAGE WHERE DR. JEONG IM WAS FOUND STABBED TO DEATH STUFFED IN THE TRUNK OF A CAR AND THEN LIT ON FIRE.  IM'S FAMILY AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAD ENDLESS QUESTIONSTHE BIGGEST THOUGHWHO COULD POSSIBLY DO THIS?  THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN, BUT THEIR ANSWER WOULDN'T COME UNTIL TODAY8 YEARS LATER.  The individual responsible for the homicide has been identified as Timothy Aaron Hoag. H-O-A-G"  AN ANONYMOUS TIP RECEIVED IN DECEMBER LED POLICE TO THAT ANSWER.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/31	9:01	2:50	IT COSTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO RUN THE CHAMOIS POWER PLANT WITH MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED ENGINEERS ARE TALKING ABOUT SHUTTING DOWN THE PLANT. TONIGHT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE GATHERED TO TALK ABOUT THE POSSIBLE CLOSING. KOMU-8 SPOKE WITH SUPER-INTENDENT DON SHAW TODAY. HE SAID THE MAIN REASONS TO CLOSE THE BUSINESS INCLUDE THREE MILLION DOLLARS NEEDED TO IMPROVE TRAIN TRACKS, 14 MILLION DOLLARS TO COMPLY WITH E-P-A REGULATIONS AND A 92 PERCENT INCREASE IN FUEL TRANSPORTATION COST.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/1	12:01 5:05 6:11	1:40	TODAY IS THE LAST DAY DELTA AIRLINES WILL OFFER TWO FLIGHTS AT COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT. THIS IS PART OF DELTA ENDING ITS SERVICE TO THE AIRPORT. STARTING TOMORROW, THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE DELTA FLIGHT OUT OF COLUMBIA TO ATLANTA.  THEN ON FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH THE DELTA SERVICE WILL END.

					DELTA DECIDED TO END ITS SERVICE AFTER THE CITY GAVE AMERICAN AIRLINES A 3 MILLION DOLLAR REVENUE GUARANTEE.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/2	10:08	2:11	COLUMBIA IS DRILLING THREE NEW WELLS TO ACCOMMODATE HIGHER WATER USAGEMOSTLY IN THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN FARMERS NEED TO IRRIGATE MORE.  BUT ONE MEMBER OF THE WATER AND LIGHT ADVISORY BOARD SAYS THAT'S NOT A SMART DECISION.  A UTILITY SPECIALIST SAYS COLUMBIA NEEDS MORE WATER WELLS BECAUSE SOME OF THE OLD ONES ARE NOT WORKING WELL.  IT'S THE WATER AND LIGHT DEPARTMENT'S OBLIGATION TO KEEP UP WITH THE COMMUNITY'S DEMAND, BUT O'CONNOR THINKS THE CITY SHOULD NOT JUST FEED PEOPLE'S NEEDS.  "We have kind of been encouraged to use water in a wasteful way. We haven't really scrutinized our behavior in term of water use. We acted like we have plenty of water everywhere for every purpose. That's not quite the case. Just use the water we have appropriately, and wisely."  THE CITY CANNOT TELL THE COMMUNITY HOW TO USE THE WATER, WHETHER IT'S FOR DRINKING, IRRIGATING OR ANYTHING ELSE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/3	9:05 10:03	1:37	THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WILL DEBATE ITS CURRENT POLICY CONCERNING HOMOSEXUAL SCOUTS AND SCOUT LEADERS NEXT WEEK.  BUT IN KANSAS CITY, ONE CHURCH ISN'T WAITING TO MAKE A CHANGE.  THE COUNTRY CLUB CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST OF KANSAS CITY POSTED A BANNER SATURDAY OUTSIDE THE CHURCH, SHOWS THAT POINT OF VIEW, WELCOMING ALL BOY SCOUTS TO THE CHURCH AND URGING EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO DRIVES BY TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO ALLOW ALL GOD'S CHILDREN TO BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT TEACHES SO MUCH.

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/4	9:01	1:39	THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS THREE SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY TONIGHT FOR A DOUBLE HOMICIDE SOUTH OF VERSAILLES.  I AM INSIDE THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WHERE THE THREE SUSPECTS ARE BEING INTERVIEWED TONIGHT.  THEIR NAMES HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED - BUT THE SHERIFF RECENTLY TOLD US THAT THE VICTIMS ARE CAROL AND FREDDY WILSON.  THE TWO WERE FOUND DEAD IN THEIR HOME OFF ROUTE TT EARLIER TODAY.  OFFICERS WERE RESPONDING TO A PHONE CALL THEY RECEIVED AT 11 AM FROM THE FEMALE STATING THAT SHE HAD BEEN SHOT. SHORTLY AFTER THEY RECEIVED A SECOND CALL FROM THE SAME RECIDENCE.  A MORGAN COUNTY DETECTIVE LATER DROVE INTO A DITCH TO AVOID A WHITE VAN THAT WAS ALSO SEEN NEAR THE CRIMESCENE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	2/5	5:05 6:05 9:11	:47	A FORMER ARMY PSYCHIATRIST ADDRESSED MU FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TODAY ON HIS CANDIDACY FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION IN THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.  LARRY JAMES IS ONE OF TWO CANDIDATES THE COLLEGE IS CONSIDERING FOR DIVISION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.  THE PUBLIC FORUM IS A NORMAL PART OF THE HIRING PROCESS ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.  HOWEVER, THE NATURE OF THIS MEETING FOCUSED MORE ON THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING JAMES' PRIOR WORK AT GUAN-TANAMO BAY.  JAMES FACED A STANDING ROOM ONLY CROWD, AND A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT THAT ISSUE.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/6	6:01	4:00	THE PRESCRIPTION PLANS FIRMLY DENY THE CLAIMS MADE BY SOME CONSUMER ADVOCATES THAT THE COMPANIES ENGAGE IN DECEPTIVE PRACTICES AT

1/4111	O NIEWO	40.04		THE EVENIOR OF THEIR BATIENTS
	8 NEWS	10:01		THE EXPENSE OF THEIR PATIENTS.
AT	TEN			BUT AS YOU'LL SEE, THE ISSUE ISN'T SO BLACK
				AND WHITE.
				IT'S NO SECRET THAT PHARMACY BENEFIT
				MANAGERSTHE PEOPLE WHO DECIDE WHAT DRUGS
				YOUR INSURANCE PLAN COVERSGET A BAD RAP.
				EXPERTS HAVE CHARGED:
				"DECEPTIVE, EGREGIOUS AND ANTI-CONSUMER
				PRACTICES.
				CALLING ITHE INDUSTRY "A SCAM OF MAJOR
				PROPORTIONS"
				THAT "HARMS AND DENIES BENEFITS TO
				CONSUMERS"
				BUT PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS LIKE
				EXPRESS SCRIPTS IN ST. LOUIS POINT TO GOVERNMENT
				REASEARCH THEY SAY SHOWS THESE DRUG PLANS
				SAVE PAYERS TENS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
				AND REDUCE DRUG COSTS BY ROUGHLY 30
				PERCENT.
				DESPITE THESE NUMBERS, IN THE CASE OF DRUG
				SWITCHINGWHERE THE INSURANCE PLAN DECIDES
				WHAT SUBSTITUTE DRUG YOU GET RATHER THAN YOUR
				DOCTOR OR PHARMACISTSOME SAY THERE'S AN
				INCENTIVE FOR THESE PRESCRIPTION PLANS TO PICK A
				DRUG THAT HAS A KICKBACK FROM THE DRUG MAKERS.
				DROG THAT HAS A RIGREACH FROM THE DROG MARENG.
JOBS/ECONOMY/AB KOMU	8 NEWS 2/7	9:06	1:40	EARLIED TONICHT WE DEPORTED THAT
		9:06	1:40	EARLIER TONIGHT, WE REPORTED THAT
USE AT	NINE			RAINBOW HOUSE, ONE OF MID-MISSOURI'S RESOURCES
				FOR NEGLECTED, ABUSED AND HOMELESS CHILDREN,
KOMU	8 NEWS	10:02		HAD TO ELIMINATE ONE OF IT'S PROGRAMS -SOL HOUSE-
AT	TEN			DUE TO A LOSS OF FUNDING.
				WITHOUT FUNDING FOR VITAL PROGRAMS LIKE
				'SOL HOUSE' CHILD ADVOCATES SAY IT'S MORE
				IMPORTANT THAN EVER BEFORE THE PUBLIC TO
				RECOGNIZE AND REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE.
				RIGHT NOW, A BILL IS IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE
				COMMITTEE THAT AIMS TO ALLOW ANYONE EIGHTEEN
				YEARS OR OLDER THE RIGHT TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE
				OF A MINOR TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.
I I				THE CURRENT LAW STATES THAT ONLY

					PROFESSIONAL WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT ABUSE.  THE LAST ACTION TAKEN ON THIS BILL WAS A PUBLIC HEARING TWO WEEKS AGO.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY	2/8	6:32	2:03	THE TREND OF ONLINE EDUCATION CONTINUES TO GROW.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON		12:01		MU ANNOUNCED TODAY IT IS INVESTING 2.5 MILLION INTO THE ONLINE MIZZOU PROGRAM. NINE-THOUSAND STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN AN ONLINE PROGAM THROUGH MIZZOU.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE		5:07		STUDENTS GO TO THIS WEBSITE AND CAN LOOK AT DIFFERENT CLASS, CERTIFICATE, AND DEGREE OFFERINGS.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:04		CURRENTLY THERE ARE ABOUT 60 DEGREE OPTIONS. THIS 2.5 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT WILL ADD
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:06		16 ONLINE PROGRAMS, LIKE A GRADUATE DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH THROUGH THE TRUMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:12		THERE WILL ALSO BE 25 NEW UNDERGRADUATE COURSES - AND NOW STUDENTS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HAVE TRANSFER CREDIT TO ENROLL IN THESE CLASSES.
					THE NEW PROGRAMS WILL BE UP AND RUNNING EITHER IN THE FALL OR NEXT SPRING.
DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/9	6:03	:25	THE MARIES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS IT ARRESTED FOUR SUSPECTS OVERNIGHT IN VIENNA FOR TRYING TO MAKE METH.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:01		46-YEAR-OLD GEORGE PUCKETT OF DIXON IS IN THE MARIES COUNTY JAIL RIGHT NOW ON 100-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:01		40-YEAR-OLD MATTHEW ROMINE OF DIXON IS ALSO AT MARIES COUNTY JAIL ON THE SAME BOND. DEPUTIES ARRESTED TWO WOMEN IN ADDITION TO THE MEN.
					BUT THE DEPARTMENT SAYS THEIR CHARGES ARE STILL PENDING SO IT HASN'T RELEASED THEIR NAMES.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/10	5:05 10:12	:36	THE FOOD BANK IS HAVING A GOOD PROBLEMTHE FREEZERS ARE FULL, BUT MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED. THIS WEEK THE FOOD BANK FOR CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST MISSOURI RECEIVED MORE FROZEN FOOD DONATIONS THAN ITS FREEZER CAN HOLDAND MORE IS ON ITS WAY. ITS FREEZER IS STACKED FROM FLOOR TO CEILING WITH DONATED FOOD AND WORKERS ARE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING ROOM. THE FOOD BANK IS ASKING FOR EXTRA VOLUNTEERS UNTIL FRIDAY TO HELP PACKAGE THE ADDITIONAL DONATED GOODS.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/11	6:07	2:04	NEW REPORTS SAY CREDIT CARD FRAUD IS INCREASING  AND WITH MOBILE BANKING BECOMING MORE POPULAR, EXPERTS ARE URGING CONSUMERS TO PAY EXTRA ATTENTION TO THEIR STATEMENTS.  KOMU 8'S JULIA MANNING TELLS US HOW A COLUMBIA MAN WHO SAYS HE DID JUST THAT STILL GOT TAKEN.  FRANK LA MANTIA IS A VICTIM OF CREDIT CARD FRAUD, BUT HE SAYS BY NO FAULT OF HIS OWN.  HE SAYS SOMEONE BROKE INTO DISCOVER CARD'S SYSTEM TO ACCESS HIS CASHBACK BONUS ACCOUNT.  DISCOVER WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON LA MANTIA'S (LA-MAN-TEE-A'S) CASE BUT HE SAYS THE COMPANY HAS ASSIGNED AN INVESTIGATOR TO LOOK INTO IT, AND WITH ITS NO-FRAUD POLICYALL OF HIS MONEY WILL BE RETURNED.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/12	12:05 5:07	:35	THE LEINBACH CUSTOM BUTCHERING PLANT IN VERSAILLES HAS STOPPED PROCESSING MEAT BECAUSE OF DIRTY WATER. THE PLANT FAILED ROUTINE WATER TESTS ON JANUARY 29 AND FEBRUARY 8TH. THE STATE'S MEAT AND POULTRY

	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:05		INSPECTION PROGRAM SHUT DOWN THE PLANT ON MONDAY.  ACCORDING TO LEINBACH'S WEBSITE, THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS ARE MADE THROUGH CUSTOM PROCESSING AND ONLY SOLD TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS FOR THEIR OWN CONSUMPTION.  THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DECLINED TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THE ISSUE.  KOMU REACHED OUT TO THE LEINBACHTHE COMPANY DID NOT RETURN OUR PHONE CALLS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/13	5:02 6:02 10:07	1:38	THIS MARKS THE 7TH YEAR IN A ROW THE VOTER I-D MEASURE HAS STIRRED CONTROVERSY HERE AT THE CAPITOL.  EACH TIME, THE DEBATE BITTERLY DIVIDED LAWMAKERS ALONG PARTY LINES.  WITH REPUBLICANS LARGELY FOR THE MEASURE AND DEMOCRATS LARGELY AGAINST.  SUPPORTERS CALL THE MEASURE A SAFEGUARD OF DEMOCRACY.  BUT OPPONENTS SAY THERE ISN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE OF VOTER FRAUD CALLING IT A WASTE OF TIME.  SOME SAY VOTER I-D REQUIREMENTS PREVENT FRAUD AT THE POLLS.  OTHERS CHARGE IT DISCOURAGES VOTING BY MINORITIES AND THE ELDERLY GROUPS WHO TEND TO VOTE DEMOCRAT.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/14	9:03 10:08	2:06	JIM AND ALLIE, BUSINESS OWNERS HERE IN JEFFERSON CITY TOLD ME TODAY WHEN THEY FIND GRAFFITI LIKE THIS COVERING THEIR PROPERTY, IT COULD COST THEM AS MUCH AS 500 DOLLARS TO PAINT OVER. WHETHER IT'S HAVING TO PURCHASE CANS OF SPRAY PAINT TO SPRAY OVER THE GRAFFITI OR EVEN HAVING TO APPLY SPECIAL PRODUCTS TO PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN, THEY HOPE TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO THESE "ARTISTS" THAT THEY WON'T TAKE

					IT ANY LONGER.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	2/15	12:01	1:23	ONE WEEK AFTER ASPEN HEIGHTS SAID IT WOULD PAY ITS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, TODAY OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE GETTING THEIR FORMAL
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE		5:03		AGREEMENTS.  A COUPLE HOURS AGO, ASPEN HEIGHTS TOLD ME IT SENT A FORMAL AGREEMENT OVER TO
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:05		R-ENERERGY TO START THE PROCESS TO PAY THOSE WOKERS.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:09		R-ENERGY IS THE CONTRACTOR WHO HIRED ABOUT 100 MEN TO WORK AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. I CONFIRMED WITH R-ENERGY'S PRESIDENT THAT HE DID GET THE AGREEMENT. HE TOLD ME HE'S HAPPY THE WORKERS ARE ONE
					STEP CLOSER TO GETTING PAID.  BUT AS FOR WHEN THEY'LL ACTUALLY GET THAT  MONEY IN THEIR POCKETSWE STILL AREN'T SURE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	2/16	9:01	1:58	AFTER WEEKS OF DISCUSSION, THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PROPOSED ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO IMPROVE THE
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:02		PROVIDENCE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.  THE CITY WANTED TO TEAR DOWN THESE HISTORIC HOMES.
					BUT THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW PLAN THAT COULD PREVENT THAT.
					THE LATEST PLAN WOULD ALSO SAVE ONE-MILLION-DOLLARS FROM THE ORIGINAL 6.9 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT.
					IT WOULD ALSO ADD A SIDEWALK. TWO WEEKS AGO, THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ALSO PROPOSED AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN TO SAVE THE HOMES.
					BEFORE THE CITY MAKES ANY FINAL DECISION, THE PUBLIC WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO GIVE THEIR OPINIONS.
					THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE NEW ALTERNATIVE AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY.

HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS	2/17	5:01 9:04	1:46	ELDON OFFICIALS TODAY ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT BROKE OUT LAST NIGHT. WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU THIS STORY LAST NIGHT
	AT NINE		9.04		ABOUT THE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE THAT LEFT SEVERAL RESIDENTS WITHOUT A PLACE TO LIVE
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:07		TODAY, KOMU-8'S DANIELLE CARTER SHOWS US HOW FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING ARE TRYING TO STAY POSITIVE  THE FIRE BEGAN LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AROUND 4:30 OFF DOYLE ROAD NEAR ELDON, ACCORDING TO THE RESIDENTS.  ONE RESIDENT SAYS THE FIRE STARTED IN APARTMENT 4, IN THE BACK LEFT CORNER OF THE BUILDING.  THIS IS THE APARTMENT THAT SUSTAINED THE MOST DAMAGE.  ONE MAN, WHOSE APARTMENT IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BUILDING, SAYS HE MANAGED TO SALVAGE A FEW THINGS.  HOWEVER, OTHER RESIDENTS WEREN'T SO LUCKY  ONE YOUNG MAN GAVE HIS STORY OF HOW THE NIGHT WENT FOR HIM AND HIS FATHER, LIVING RIGHT UNDERNEATH WHERE THE FIRE STARTED.  IN ADDITION, THE RESIDENTS SAY THEY'VE GROWN TO BE ONE BIG FAMILY, AND THEY'RE NOT HAPPY TO BE DISPLACED AND SEPARATEDBUT THEY'VE GOT EACH OTHER'S NUMBERS, SO THEY'LL STAY IN TOUCH.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	2/18	9:04	1:58	A LOCAL BUSINESS FACED A SCAM AFTER SWITCHING CREDIT CARD COMPANIES
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:21		WHEN VAUGHAN POOL AND SPAS DECIDED TO SWITCH ITS CREDIT CARD PROCESSING COMPANY, IT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SAVING MONEY.  BUT AFTER REVIEWING ITS PAPERWORK WITH HEARTLAND PAYMENT SYSTEMS, RICK VAUGHAN REALIZED SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT.  "In looking at their original contract that they had on

					file, with what we had, they were different. The contract had physically been changed."  VAUGHAN SAT DOWN AND SHOWED ME THE TWO DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE CONTRACT.  HEARTLAND REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH ME, BUT VAUGHAN SAYS HEARTLAND REFUNDED THE DIFFERENCE, APOLOGIZED, AND INFORMED HIM THE PERSON WHO HANDLED HIS CASE HAD BEEN LET GO.  THIS IS A HAPPY ENDING FOR VAUGHAN, BUT HE SAYS HE WORRIES THIS COULD HAPPEN TO OTHER BUSINESSES AND IT HAS.  "The Better Business Bureau has seen quite of few examples of businesses who have signed contracts with credit card processing companies, or credit card agencies of some sort that promise one thing, but dont deliver what's actually been promised."  PROMISES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS IT'S INVESTIGATING TOO  ALL IN EFFORTS TO PROTECT YOUR POCKETBOOK.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/19	6:07	:48	SENATE HEARINGS BEGAN TODAY ON A PROPOSED TAX HIKE FOR TRANSPORTATION
	KOMU 8 NEWS		10:06		INFRASTRUCTURE AT AN UNUSUALLY EARLY HOUR7-30 A-M.
	AT TEN		10100		THE PROPOSAL WOULD RAISE THE STATE
					SALES TAX BY ONE CENT FOR 10 YEARS IF VOTERS
					APPROVE THE MEASURE.
					THAT MONEY WOULD BE RESERVED FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ONLY.
					COUNTIES AND TOWNS WOULD EACH GET
					FIVE PERCENT OF THE REVENUE FOR USE ON THEIR
					OWN PROJECTS. SUPPORTERS TOLD THE COMMITTEE
					INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE IS CRITICAL FOR BOTH
					ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY.
					OPPONENTS SAY THE IDEA IS GOOD, BUT THEY
					QUESTION WHETHER A SALES TAX IS THE BEST IDEA.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS	2/20	9:02	1:35	CREWS AT COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS TOLD

AT NINE		US THIS EVENING THEY EXPECT TO BEGIN
		PRE-TREATING ROADS IN THE AREA AROUND TEN OR
KOMU 8 NEWS	10:02	ELEVEN TONIGHT.
AT TEN		ROAD MANAGEMENT CREWS ARE JUST
		STARTING TO GET THESE TRUCKS RIGHT HERE READY
		TO TAKE ON THE SLICK ROADS TONIGHT.
		I TALKED WITH A FEW PEOPLE HERE TODAY AND
		FOUND OUT A LOT OF PREPARATION GOES INTO
		KEEPING OUR ROADS SAFE.
		BUT I ALSO LEARNED IT'S SOME OF THE PEOPLE
		IN THIS BUILDING HERE THAT ACTUALLY LOOK FORWARD
		TO WINTER STORMS.
		FOR THOSE ON THE ROADIT'S THE CALM
		BEFORE THE STORM.
		BUT HERE AT BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
		(NATS)
		THEIR STORM HAS ALREADY HIT.
		((NATS))
		BRANDON BENNETT ALREADY SPENT HOURS
		PREPARING FOR THE WICKED WEATHER TO HIT THE
		AREA.
		"Anytime we've got any type of ice on the roadyou
		know the snow cleans up easybut the ice can be a big
		problem."
		BUT IT'S THAT WEATHER THAT'S KEPT HIM HERE
		FOR NINE YEARS
		"We all get excited during these snow eventsit pumps
		us up to a different level."
		HE SAYS TONIGHT'S PREPARATIONS GIVE HIM
		FLASHBACKS TOYOU GUESSED IT
		((NATS))
		SNOWPOCALYPSE.
		"It was awesomewe had a lot of fun with it definitely
		put us to a different level"
		IT WAS THAT 17 INCHES OF SNOW 2 YEARS AGO THAT
		HAS PUBLIC WORKS TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTION THIS
		TIME AROUND.
		THE TEAM'S GAMEPLAN TO COVER THE 685
		SQUARE MILES OF BOONE COUNTY REQUIRES SOME
		HEAVY ARTILLERY.
		(IL/IV I / IIIIILLLIXI)

					8 DUMP TRUCKS WILL HIT THE ROADS DURING THE NIGHT 14 WILL TAKE ON THE SNOW COME DAYTIME THEY'LL THEN TEAM UP WITH 1 SINGLE AXLE TRUCK. FIVE 1 TON TRUCKS 8 MOTOR GRADERS A TOTAL OF 36 TRUCK LOADS IN ALL.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	2/21	9:07	1:52	ALLIE AND JIM, IF YOU WERE TO DRIVE DOWN HIGHWAY 63 RIGHT NOW, YOU WOULD FIND THE SHOULDERS LITTERED WITH CARS LIKE THIS ONECARS THAT JUST CAN'T MOVE DUE TO THE HIGH SNOW ACCUMULATIONS.  BUT FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN STRANDED IN THE SNOW TODAY, MANY LOCAL TOW TRUCK COMPANIES ARE WORKING HARD TO GET THEM OR EVEN THEIR VEHICLES HOME.  TRAVIS FOOTE IS A TOW TRUCK DRIVER FOR TIGER TOWING IN COLUMBIA.  BEING FROM CALIFORNIA, HE SAYS DRIVING IN THE SNOW IS FAIRLY NEW TO HIM.  BUT EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A LOT OF SNOW, IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE INFAMOUS SNOWPOCALYPSE.  "No, the one they had a few years ago was. That was pretty crazy."  ((NATS: TRUCK LIFTING CAR))  FOOTE SAYS TIGER TOWING MADE THE DECISION EARLIER TODAY TO JUST TOW CARS WITHIN CITY LIMITS.  "Um, it's just, outside of town is just too messed up right now. I mean, it's more likely they haven't done any of the roads, and we can't really risk getting one of our trucks stuck."  "It's a whole other issue trying to pull out a giant tow truck that's stuck in the snow or something."  FOOTE SAYS THE CALLS THAT COME IN ARE OFTEN PREDICTABLE.  "Mostly smaller cars. I haven't towed one four wheel drive, well I towed a Cadillac Escalade earlier."  ((NATS: TOW TRUCK DROPPING OFF CAR))  AND HE SAYS HE ALWAYS HAS ADVICE FOR

					THOSE WHO THINK THEY'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO WEATHER THE STORM.  "Be prepared for it, think ahead. I mean, if you have a little Honda that doesn't have good tires, don't try and go out in the snow or something 'cause you're just gonna get stuck. Just use common sense. Drive, you know, drive safe."  ((NATS: "AND THAT'S A WRAP"))
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	2/22	12:02	1:00	SNOWFALL YESTERDAYCLEANUP TODAY  THE BIG DIG IS UNDERWAY  WHILE THE WEATHER HAS IMPROVED FROM  TWELVE HOURS AGO, THE PROBLEM STILL REMAINS  STALLED CARS ON MAJOR ROADS.  WE'VE GOT TEAM COVERAGE, BUT FIRST LET'S  CHECK IN WITH KOMU 8'S ADDISON WALTON.  THANKS ANGIE.  I'M HERE ON STADIUM WHERE THE STALLED  CARS STILL HAVEN'T MOVED.  WE'RE NEXT TO THIS STALLED CAR JUST  COVERED IN SNOW AND IT SEEMS IT HASN'T MOVED  SINCE PROBABLY 24 HOURS AGO.  THE SCENE ON SOUTH PROVIDENCE ROAD  AND MICK DEAVER MEMORIAL DRIVE THIS MORNING  AROUND 9:30 AM WAS SMOOTH AS POLICE CARS LINED  UP BEHIND STALLED CARS  IF THE CARS WERE GOING NORTH ON  PROVIDENCE ROAD THEN UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI POLICE AND TIGER TOWING. TIGER TOWING DOES HAVE  A CONTRACT WITH THE UNIVERSITY.  THIS NISSAN YOU'RE SEEING WAS MOVED IN  ABOUT 15 MINUTES.  THE TOW TRUCK DRIVER HAS A SHIFT FROM  8AM-5PM BUT HE EXPECTS TO STAY WELL INTO THE  NIGHT MOVING.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/23	6:01	:40	A FIGHT IN A MOTEL PARKING LOT LED ONE MAN TO THE HOSPITAL THIS MORNING. COLUMBIA POLICE SAY A MAN STABBED
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:03		ANOTHER MAN SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PARKING LOT OF DAYS INN MOTEL IN COLUMBIA.

	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:01		POLICE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE AROUND ONE FORTY FIVE THIS MORNING.  THE 31-YEAR-OLD VICTIM WAS MOVED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL WITH NON LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES.  COLUMBIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THE SUSPECT, 21-YEAR-OLD ZACKERY SIMMONS.  POLICE ALSO RECOVERED THE KNIFE USED IN THE ASSAULT WHILE SEARCHING THE MOTEL ROOM.  POLICE ARRESTED SIMMONS FOR ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/24	9:03	3:44	MORE AMERICAN PATIENTS THAN EVER ARE WAITING FOR AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT TO MAKE THEM HEALTHY.  ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE.  NATIONALLY, THE NUMBER OF KIDNEY PATIENTS ON THE WAITING LIST HAS INCREASED BY 14,000 IN TEN YEARS.  IN MISSOURI, AROUND 1300 PATIENTS CURRENTLY WAIT FOR A KIDNEY.  AS KOMU-8'S ASGER MOW ((ASK-ER MOE)) REPORTS, THE LONGER THEY WAIT, THE BIGGER THE RISK THEY ENCOUNTER.  THE 1300 PATIENTS WAITING FOR A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT REFLECT THE AREAS OF THE MID-AMERICA TRANSPLANT SERVICES.  THE COMPANY SERVES ST. LOUIS, EASTERN MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, AND DOES NOT INCLUDE THE KANSAS CITY AREA.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	2/25	5:03 6:02 9:06	1:05	EVEN WITH MODOT WORKING THROUGH LAST WEEK'S STORM, INTERSTATE 70 STILL TURNED INTO A PARKING LOT. YOU MAY REMEMBER, THE AREA NEAR I-70 AND HIGHWAY 63 WAS CLOSED FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS DURING LAST WEEK'S STORM. SINCE EVEN SEMI-TRUCKS WERE HAVING ISSUES LAST WEEK, I WENT OUT TO SOME KINGDOM CITY

	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:04		TRUCK STOPS TO SPEAK TO DRIVERS I SPOKE TO ONE DRIVER WHO SAYS HE'S NOT AS WORRIED FOR HIS TRUCK AS HE IS FOR THE OTHER DRIVERS ON THE ROAD. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO FEEL THE NEED TO TRAVEL DURING THE STORM THE CITY OF COLUMBIA WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT VEHICLES ABANDONED IN THE ROAD WILL BE TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSENO GRACE PERIOD. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICE TOMORROWTHAT INCLUDES THE BLACK AND GOLD ROUTES, FASTCAT, PARATRANSIT, ALL OF THOSE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/26	10:04	1:15	I'M STANDING HERE ON A STREET NEAR JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS STREET IS STILL NOT VERY CLEAR. AND THIS SEEMS TO BE THE TREND THROUGHOUT THE COLUMBIA. COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL REMAIN CLOSED TOMORROW. THIS WILL MAKE FOUR SNOW DAYS JUST IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR SAYS IT'S NOT SAFE FOR STUDENTS TO RETURN, FOR TWO REASONS. THE SNOW HAS YET TO BE REMOVED FROM AROUND EACH OF THE SCHOOLS. AND THESE RESIDENTIAL AREAS AREN'T CLEAR ENOUGH FOR STUDENTS TO GET TO SCHOOL. BUT SOME PEOPLE DID VENTURE OUT TODAY, ONLY AFTER MAKING THEIR OWN PATH THROUGH THE SNOW. AS FOR THURSDAY? ANOTHER SNOW DAY DEPENDS ON THE AMOUNT OF SNOW THE DISTRICT GETS OUT WHILE THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. BUT THIS RAIN/SNOW MIX IS STILL COMING DOWN, SOMETHING BAUMSTARK SAYS DOESN'T HELP THE

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	2/27	12:01	1:30	MANY RESIDENTS ARE STILL WONDERING WHY THEY'RE IN THE DARK. AT THE PEAK OF YESTERDAY'S POWER
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE		5:01		OUTAGES, 14-THOUSAND BOONE COUNTY COOPERATIVE CUSTOMERS WERE WITHOUT POWER. CREWS WORKED LAST NIGHT TO BRING THAT
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:00		NUMBER DOWN TO 5-THOUSAND.  16 LINEMEN FROM ACROSS MISSOURI ARE WORKING WITH THESE CREWS TODAY TO RESTORE
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:07		POWER.  BOONE COUNTY COOPERATIVE CEO TODD  CULLEY SAYS HE HOPES TO HAVE POWER COMPLETELY
					RESTORED BY TOMORROW.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/28	6:00	:58	WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE WAL-MART AND SAM'S CLUB ON CONLEY ROAD.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:03		WAL-MART IS NOW OPENSAM'S CLUB SAYS IT WILL OPEN AT 7 A.M. TOMORROW. THIS WAS THE SCENE AT 6 O'CLOCK TONIGHTA CREW OF ABOUT 30 PEOPLE TOOK TO THE ROOF OF SAMSSHOVELING OFF THE PACKED SNOW. WAL-MART ESTIMATED ABOUT-10 INCHES OF SNOW COVERED THE TWO ROOFS. BOTH STORES EVACUATED AND WAL-MART DID HAVE A FEW LEAKS. EMPLOYEES SPENT ALL DAY TURNING AWAY CUSTOMERS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/1	12:02 10:02	2:02	YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD LOTS OF TALK ABOUT THE "SEQUESTER" - OR FEDERAL CUTS - THAT COULD TAKE EFFECT AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. I'VE BEEN DOING SOME DIGGING TODAY TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU. ACCORDING TO AN MU POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR, BASICALLY WHAT HAPPENED WAS LAWMAKERS PASSED AN ACT TWO YEARS AGO THAT SAID CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO REACH A COMPROMISE BY MARCH 1ST
					BY MARCH 1ST. UNDER THAT LAW, IF CONGRESS DID <b>NOT</b> REACH

					AN AGREEMENT, THESE CUTS "MUST" HAPPEN. TO BREAK DOWN THOSE NUMBERS HERE IN MISSOURI ONE OF THE BIGGEST CUTS IS TO MILITARY SPENDING. ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, IN MISSOURI, ABOUT 8-THOUSAND CIVILAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES WOULD BE TEMPORALILY LAID OFF. THIS WOULD REDUCE PAY BY MORE THAN 40 MILLION DOLLARS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/2	6:02	1:56	IN ITS LAST MEETING, THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTED A GRANT THAT RENEWS STATE FUNDING SPECIFICALLY INTENDED TO STOP UNDERAGE DRINKING.  THE ENFORCING UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS GRANT GIVES MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT.  OFFICER ALAN MITCHELL SAYS THERE WILL ALWAYS BE BUSINESSES THAT PUSH BACK AGAINST THIS GRANT, BUT SAYS MOST BUSINESSS ARE ON THE SAME SIDE AS LAW ENFORCEMENT.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/3	5:02 9:04 10:01	1:39	THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO'S BEEN PASSING COUNTERFEIT ONE-HUNDRED DOLLAR BILLS. IN THIS COVERAGE FROM CALLAWAY REPORT, KOMU 8'S COURTNEY KINCADE TELLS US WHO INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS CAN DO TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING TO THEM. A WEEK AGO THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THREE COMPLAINTS OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS BEING PASSED IN LOCAL STORES. CASEY'S GAS STATION AND DOLLAR GENERAL STORE IN AUXVASSE (OF OZ) AND OZARKLAND IN KINGDOM CITY WERE ALL HIT. AND THE SUSPECT IS THIS WOMAN CASEYS AND OZARKLAND BOTH DECLINED TO

					COMMENT, BUT DAN MACDONALD OF DOLLAR GENERAL RETURNED OUR CALL.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/4	5:04 6:03 10:07	1:08	TWO MISSOURI SENATORS FROM DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE AISLE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT WELFARE ABUSE.  REPUBLICAN SENATOR WILL KRAUS AND DEMOCRATIC SENATOR MARIA CHAPPELLE-NADAL PROPOSED A BILL LIMITING THE USE OF WELFARE BENEFITS.  THE SENATORS SAY SOME RECIPIENTS ARE CASHING IN THEIR FOOD STAMP MONEY AND USING IT FOR UNINTENDED PURCHASES LIKE BUYING ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING AT CASINOS.  THE BILL WOULD PROHIBIT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC WELFARE CARDS AT LIQUOR STORES, CASINOS, ATHLETIC EVENTS OR ANY ADULT-ORIENTED ESTABLISHMENT.  BOTH SENATORS SAY THIS LIMITATION IS NEEDED ACROSS THE STATE.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/5	5:06 6:15 9:08	:39	A MID-MISSOURI MEDICAL CENTER WILL BE UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP SOON AFTER SHUTTING DOWN ONE FLOOR AND DOWNSIZING STAFF.  THE SAME COMPANY THAT OWNS ST MARY'S HEALTH CENTER IN JEFFERSON CITY, S-S-M OUT OF ST. LOUIS, WILL OWN AND OPERATE AUDRAIN MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS NINE RURAL CLINICS.  WITH THE NEW OWNERSHIP COMES A NEWLY FORMED MID-MISSOURI REGION.  THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER SAYS THERE ARE NO DEFINITE PLANS TO RE-OPEN THE FLOOR OR RE-HIRE STAFF, BUT SAYS HE AND THE STAFF ARE HOPEFUL.  THE NEW OWNERSHIP WILL BE OFFICAL APRIL 1ST.  THE PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY'S IN JEFFERSON CITY WILL SERVE AS THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE MID-MISSOURI REGION.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/6	6:18	1:50	COLUMBIA FIRE STATIONS ARE FILLED WITH PEOPLE WHO DEAL WITH FIRE EVERY DAY SO YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT MANY OF THOSE BUILDINGS DON'T HAVE FIRE SPRINKLERS THEMSELVES. AS K-O-M-U 8'S XIAOYUN (SHAW-YING) WU REPORTS, WORK WILL SOON BE UNDERWAY TO CHANGE THAT. CITY APPROVED A PLAN LAST MONTH TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS IN FIRE STATIONS FOUR, FIVE AND SIX. THE SPRINKLERS WILL GO IN BOTH LIVING QUARTERS AND TRUCK PARKING AREAS. THE SPRINKLER INSTALLATION SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY AUGUST.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/7	9:02	2:01	JIM AND BRITTANY, EARLIER IN MY SHIFT, I WENT TO THE GROCERY STORE AND BOUGHT THIS GALLON OF MILK FOR 4 DOLLARS AND 29 CENTS. BUT ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS FROM DAIRY ECONOMISTS, THAT PRICE MAY SOON BE ALMOST 5 DOLLARS, WHICH SOME ECONOMISTS SAY IS ALL A RESULT OF TRANSPORTATION. I DID SPEAK WITH SOMEONE AT THE DAIRY FARMERS OF AMERICA EARLIER TODAY. SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY RUMORS OF CHANGES IN MILK PRICES, AND WOULD SEND ME A STATEMENT. HOWEVER, I HAVE YET TO RECEIVE ANY RESPONSE FROM THEIR OFFICE. HORNER ALSO SAYS MISSOURI'S BOTTLING PLANTS WILL ALWAYS BE A CONSTANT IN THE STATE, AND HOPES THAT DESPITE HIGHER PRICES, MISSOURIANS WILL STILL CONTINUE TO DRINK MISSOURI MILK.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	3/8	12:01	1:55	WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION? UM PRESIDENT TIM WOLFE TRIED TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION TODAY AS PART OF THE "SHOW ME VALUE" TOUR.

					IT'S ON THE RECORD - WOLFE ADMITTED TO MOBERLY STUDENTS HE WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH FOOTBALL AND GIRLS IN HIGH SCHOOL.  WOLFE TOLD THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS HOW HE FOCUSED AND MANAGED TO NOT ONLY GRADUATE FROM MU, BUT BECOME A LEADER IN BUSINESS AND EDUCATION.  WOLFE IS HEADING THE "SHOW ME VALUE" TOUR AROUND THE STATE, PRESENTING THE IMPORTANCE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION TO STUDENTS.  WITH AN "EMBRACE YOUR STORY" THEME, WOLFE TALKED ABOUT HOW COLLEGE PAYS OUT OVER TIME.  HE KEPT THE PRESENTATION INTERACTIVE, GIVING AWAY PENS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS.  WOLFE SAID THAT HE WASN'T THERE JUST TO PROMOTE THE UM SCHOOLS, BUT COLLEGE IN GENERAL.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/9	6:14	2:44	READING AND WRITING ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF EDUCATION, BUT SOME STUDENTS ARE ENTERING OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITHOUT THE BASIC SKILLS NEEDED TO SUCCEED. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN EFFORT UNDERWAY IN COLUMBIA TO CHANGE THAT. THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF ALAYSHA HOLMES WEEK - WORKING AT HER DESK WITH HER TUTOR AT FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY. ALAYSHA IS ONE OF 60 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACHIEVE PROGRAM. TWICE A WEEK, VOLUNTEERS FROM THE MU SCHOOL OF EDUCATION COME TO WORK ONE-ON ONE WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE LAGGING BEHIND THEIR PEERS IN READING, WRITING AND MATH. THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED BY MU PROFESSOR DOCTOR STEVE WHITNEY TWO YEARS AGO. HE NOTICED THAT ACHIEVEMENT GAPS ARE LARGER IN COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE VARIED LEVELS OF INCOME AND AS WELL AS VARIED ACADEMIC SKILL LEVELS AMONG STUDENTS. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, MISSOURI'S STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS FOR MATH

					AND COMMUNICATION ARTS ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST IN THE NATIONALMOST 5 POINTS WIDER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. WHITNEY SAID THIS LARGE GAP IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN.  FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY IS THE CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE PROGRAM. THE STUDENTS, WHO ARE SELECTED BY THEIR TEACHERS, NEED EXTRA HELP TO KEEP FROM FALLING BEHIND.  THE ACHIEVE PROGRAM PROVIDES THAT HELP AND BOOSTS THE STUDENT'S SELF-CONFIDENCE AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IN THEIR LIVES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/10	9:05	1:56	THE TWO SNOWS CAUSED ALL SORTS OF ROOFING DAMAGE IN MID-MISSOURI, ESPECIALLY THE SECOND SNOW WHICH WAS VERY WET.  IN THIS COVERAGE ON CALLAWAY STORY, KOMU 8'S COURTNEY KINCADE, SHOWS US A CALLAWAY COUNTY COUPLE TRYING TO FIX WHAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN.  HAZEL KINDER'S LIGHTHOUSE THEATER OFF OF INTERSTATE 70 IN CALLAWAY COUNTY SUFFERED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DAMAGE FROM THE LAST SNOW STORM THAT WENT THROUGH MID MISSOURI.  AND AS THE REPAIRS BEGIN THERE ARE QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED AND A LOT OF HEART ACHE THAT SITS WITH THE OWNERS.  STEVE AND HAZEL HAVE PUT THEIR LIFE SAVINGS INTO THIS THEATER AND YEARS WORTH OF HARD WORK.  THE COUPLE IS NOW TRYING THEIR BEST TO SALVAGE WHAT IS LEFT.  THE KINDERS HOPE TO HAVE CONSTRUCTION STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT FIRST THEY HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEIR INSURANCE COMPANY TO INVESTIGATE JUST WHY THE BUILDING THAT WAS ENGINEERED TO CODE WAS NOT ABLE TO HOLD THE SNOW.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/11	9:01	1:35	THE SCHOOL BOARD JUST VOTED NINE TO ONE TO APPROVE THE PLAN. IT MEANS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL

	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:01		START AT 9 AND END AT 4:05 AND LEE, MIDWAY HEIGHTS, NEW HAVEN, RIDGEWAY AND BENTON, ROCK BRIDGE, AND TWO MILE PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WILL BE STARTING AT 7:40 AND ENDING AT 2:40THESE HAVE A DIFFERENT START AND END TIME FROM OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEY HAVE THE LONGEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RUNS. OTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WILL START AT 8:20 AND END AT 3:20. NOW AT THE LAST MEETING, THOSE COMMENTING ON THE START TIMES OFTEN BROUGHT UP TEEN SLEEP RESEARCHAND ONE ROCK BRIDGE STUDENT AGREES WITH THIS RESEARCH.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/12	9:07 10:04	2:18	AFTER MONTHS OF SPECULATION AND THOUSANDS OF PETITION SIGNATURES LATER WE NOW KNOW THAT ST. LOUIS COMPANY COLLEGIATE HOUSING PARTNERS HAS AGREED TO SELL THE HISTORIC PROPERTY.  SO FOR NOW THE STRUCTURE STAYS STANDING.  MU MATH PROFESSOR NAKHLE ASMAR BOUGHT THE BUILDING FOR AN UNDISCLOSED AMOUNT. HE WOULDN'T TALK TO US TODAY.  BUT, LOCAL REALTOR BRENT GARDNER IS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.  HE SAYS UNLIKE OTHER PRESERVATION PROJECTS HE'S WORKED ON EVERYONE WANTED TO SEE THE NIEDERMEYER STAY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/13	9:07	:47	SOME MOTORCYCLISTS RESPONDED TO A PROPOSED "HELMET HOLIDAY" BILL TODAY. THE BILL THAT WOULD SUSPEND THE STATE'S HELMET REQUIREMENT DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WHEN THOUSANDS OF BIKERS GATHER FOR THE STURGIS RALLY. BIKERS SAY ALL THE STATES AROUND MISSOURI DO NOT HAVE HELMET LAWS AND IT'S VERY

					INCONVENIENT FOR THESE RIDERS TO TRAVEL THROUGH MISSOURI. A HARLEY STORE SALES MANAGER SAYS NOT ENFORCING THE LAW IN AUGUST WOULD HELP INCREASE ITS SALES.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/14	5:01 6:01 9:01	1:40	TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT CAUSED TWO DOZEN-PLUS HOTEL GUESTS TO GET SICK DURING A CONFERENCE IN THE CAPITAL CITY. AS OF RIGHT NOW, NO ONE IS SURE WHAT CAUSED THE SICKNESS.  I TALKED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HOTEL AND SHE SAYS THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED THE HOTEL TODAY BUT COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING WRONG.  NOW THERE'S A NEW CONFERENCE UNDERWAY HERE.  I WAS HERE EARLIER WHEN SOME THE 675 MEMBERS OF THE STATE'S ELKS ASSOCIATION BEGAN SHOWING UP.  THEY SAY THEY'VE BEEN COMING HERE TWICE A YEAR FOR THE PAST FORTY YEARS AND WON'T LET THIS MYSTERY ILLNESS SCARE THEM AWAY.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/15	5:17 6:52	1:48	LAST MONTH, KOMU-8 NEWS TOLD YOU ABOUT ALLEGED ABUSE AT A MISSOURI WOMEN'S PRISON. SINCE OUR INVESTIGATION AIRED, AT LEAST ONE LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE AT THE VANDALIA PRISON NO LONGER WORKS THERE. WE OBTAINED A COPY OF A MEMO FROM CORRECTIONS OFFICER JO ANN MYERS TO THE PRISON'S WARDEN DETAILING AN INCIDENT MYERS CATEGORIZED AS EXCESSIVE FORCE. IN THAT MEMO MYERS CLAIMED HER SUPERIOR SERGEANT MICHELE NICHOLSON PICKED A FIGHT AND ESCALATED THE SITUATION WITH AN OFFENDER IN JUNE. OFFENDER ABUSE IS A CLASS C FELONY. WE AIRED THAT STORY ON FEBRUARY 20TH NINE DAYS LATER ON MARCH FIRST, NICHOLSON LEFT

					HER POST AT THE PRISON WHERE SHE WORKED FOR ALMOST TWENTYYEARS. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DIDN'T CLARIFY IF SHE WAS FIRED OR LEFT ON HER OWN WILL IT DID RELEASE A STATEMENT SAYING, "MICHELE NICHOLSON WAS AN EMPLOYEE WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FROM JANUARY 10th 1994 -TO- MARCH 1st 2013." WE MENTIONED OTHER CORRECTIONS OFFICERS IN OUR FEBRUARY INVESTIGATION THE MEMO SAYS LIEUTENANT JUSTIN SWANK REVIEWED VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE INCIDENT, DETERMINED THERE WAS "NO USE OF FORCE" AND ORDERED SERGEANT DANEL HAWKINS TO ERASE IT. TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IS A CLASS D FELONY. AND OF COURSE, JO ANN MYERS, WHO SIMPLY FILED THE MEMO TO THE WARDEN AND D-O-C DISCIPLINARY BOARD. I WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT SWANK, HAWKINS AND MYERS ARE STILL EMPLOYEED BY THE D-O-C. ANOTHER NOTE OF INTEREST TO PASS ALONG— THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER I WORKED WITH ON THIS STORY AT THE D-O-C HAS SINCE BEEN TRANSFERED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. WE'LL REPORT ANY MORE UPDATES AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON CONFIRMING INFORMATION WITH THE TIGHT-LIPPED D-O-C ABOUT ACTIVITIES FROM WITHIN THIS PRISON.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS	3/16	6:02 9:04	:28	MANY MID MISSOURI SCHOOLS WILL RELEASE FOR SPRING BREAK IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. BUT WHILE YOU'RE ON VACATION, THE
	AT NINE  KOMU 8 NEWS		10:01		COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE WORKING EXTRA HARD TO KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS SAFE. THIS SPRING BREAK SEASON COLUMBIA
	AT TEN		10.01		POLICE HAVE ADDITIONAL OFFICERS ON DUTY.  THE DEPARTMENT WILL USE UNIFORMED AND

					PLAINCLOTHES PERSONNEL AS WELL AS BOTH MARKED AND UNMARKED VEHICLES.  THERE WILL ALSO BE ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS IN AREAS IDENTIFIED AS HIGHER POTENTIAL TARGETS.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	3/17	5:11	:27	BACK IN MID-MISSOURI, NEIGHBORS IN TEBBETTS ENJOYED A TRADITIONAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:04		THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY DINNER FEATURED AN IRISH FEAST OF MORE THAN 50 POUNDS OF CORNBEEF, 40 POUNDS OF POTATOES, CABBAGE,
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:02		HONEY GLAZED CARROTS JUST TO NAME A FEW ITEMS ON THE MENU. THE DINNER IS NOT JUST A CELEBRATION BUT A FUNDRIASER FOR THE COMMUNITY
					A MEAL TICKET WAS LESS THAN EIGHT DOLLARS. IF YOU MISSED THIS MONTH'S COMMUNITY DINNER, THE NEXT ONE WILL BE APRIL 5TH.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	3/18	5:01	1:05	AFTER A DAY OF SEARCHING, DIVERS FOUND THE BODY OF A MAN WHO WENT MISSING IN THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS OVER THE WEEKEND.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX		6:01		HIS NAME IS DENNIS DUCHEK. HE WAS 60 YEARS OLD AND FROM NEW FLORENCE, MISSOURI.  I'M HERE AT THE OZARK YACHT CLUB WHERE
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE		9:01		AROUND 5:15 THIS AFTERNOON DIVERS FOUND THE BODY OF A MAN WHO HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE SAT AT 11 P.M.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:01		RIGHT NOW I'M STANDING IN FRONT OF THE MAN'S CAR, WHICH AS YOU CAN SEE IS STILL ROPED OFF WITH POLICE TAPE.
CONSUMER ISSUE	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/19	9:01	1:30	THE COLUMBIA POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION OR CPOA IS A LOCAL NON-UNION GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS.
	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN		10:01		TODAY SOMEONE WITH ACCESS TO THE GROUP'S FACEBOOK PAGE POSTED A COMMENT SOME PEOPLE SAY IS RACIST. THE HUFFINGTON POST A NATIONAL NEWS

					ORGANIZATION RAN A STORY ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL COMMENT.  AND IT INCLUDED THIS SCREEN SHOT OF THAT POST WHICH READS: "CPD WANTS A NEW ARMORED VEHICLE. PARTLY B/C WHEN YOU DRIVE UP IN ONE, PEOPLE SURRENDER AND COME OUT OF THE HOUSE. BUT IF CPD ROLLED UP IN THE NEW MERCEDES 6x16, YOU KNOW ALL THE BOYS IN THE HOOD WOULD COME RUNNING OUT THE HOUSE - JUST TO ADMIRE YOUR RIDE! I SAY WE ROLL UP IN STYLE."  ((DANSWITCH TO FACEBOOK)) RIGHT NOW IF YOU GO TO THE CPOA'S FACEBOOK PAGE YOU CAN'T FIND THE POST  THE GROUP DELETED IT EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON AFTER MAKING NATIONAL HEADLINES
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	3/20	12:01 5:02	1:54	A COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING ARMING TWO EMPLOYEES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE IDEA IS TO ARM THE DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AT COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IN THE POST SANDY HOOK CULTURESOME PARENTS THINK THIS IS A NECESSITY, WHILE OTHERS THINK IT'S TOO LITTLE OR TOO MUCH. GOOD IDEA OR NOTTHIS SAME PROPOSAL FAILED BEFORE THE SCHOOL BOARD JUST TWO YEARS AGO. "This isn't the first time the policy has been brought up. I think the discussion is certainly more open this time around."
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/21	5:06 6:07 10:04	1:15	AN UPDATE ON THAT MYSTERIOUS ILLNESS AT A JEFFERSON CITY CONFERENCE LAST WEEK. THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS IT MAY HAVE SOME ANSWERS. THEY MAY HAVE PINPOINTED A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF THE ILLNESS. I SPOKE WITH MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICIAL GINA TERLIZZI THIS AFTERNOON, AND SHE TOLD ME THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED

					NOTIFICATION OF TWO CONFIRMED CASES OF INFLUENZA TYPE A.  TERLIZZI SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TRYING TO GATHER INFORMATION BY CONTACTING EACH OF THE ATTENDEES.  IT SAYS OUT OF 126 THAT ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE81 GOT SICK- MOST SHOWING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS.  SEVERAL HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	3/22	5:20 6:50 12:03	:39	COLUMBIA'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION GAVE AN UPDATE ON CHANGES MADE TO THE FAST CAT BUS LINE. THE COMMISSION SAYS RIDERSHIP HAS INCREASED SINCE EAST CAMPUS ROUTES CHANGED. THE FEWEST NUMBER OF PEOPLE RIDE THE FAST CAT BUSES ON SUNDAYS, WITH 2 TO 3 RIDERS PER HOUR. FASTCAT HAS ITS OWN ACCOUNT FOR MEMBERS TO TRACK THE SPENDINGS AND REVENUES. THE 2013 FISCAL BUDGET IS MORE THAN 350 THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT IT'S REVENUE SO FAR IS 57 THOUSAND DOLLARS. ONE RESIDENT AT THE MEETING HAS HIS SUGGESTION FOR THE ROUTE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/23	6:02 9:04 10:06	1:21	WHAT WAS ONCE A GAMING STAPLE IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA FOR MORE THAN 25 IS NOW BACK ON BROADWAY. GUNTHER'S GAMES OPENED UP TODAY BRINGING BACK MEMORIES FOR ADULTS OF ALL AGES. BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE OLD GAMES AT GUNTHER'S. THEY ALSO HAVE GAMES LIKE GUITAR HERO AND BIG BUCK HUNTER. IT'S THE COMBINATION THAT'S KEPT BUSINESS STEADY ON GUNTHER'S OPENING DAY. GUNTHER'S WILL BE OPEN FROM 11AM TO MIDNIGHT SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND 11AM TO 2AM ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	3/24	12:01	1:46	COLUMBIA COLLEGE IS OFFERING ITS MILITARY STUDENTS TIME TO FIND OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING FOR THEIR EDUCATION AFTER THEY LOST THE SUPPORT TO THE SEQUESTRATION. BEFORE THE CUTS HIT, THE ARMED FORCES OFFERED SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN SEVERAL PROGRAMS TO HELP PAY FOR SCHOOL. ONE INCLUDED THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WHICH I HAVE PULLED UP HERE ON THE SCREEN. FOR MILITARY STUDENTS, THIS PROGRAM COVERED THE COST OF THEIR EDUCATION, IN SOME CASES UP TO 100 PERCENT. BUT AS OF EARLY MARCH THE ARMED FORCES CUT THIS ASSISTANCE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/25	5:02 6:04 10:01	:46	LAKE OZARK HAS CLOSED A CITY STREET BECAUSE A SINKHOLE OPENED UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD OVER THE WEEKEND. OFTEN SINKHOLES DEVELOP BECAUSE LIMESTONE TERRAIN, KNOWN AS KARST, COLLAPSES, WHICH CAN THEN LEAD TO A CAVE. HOWEVER, KOMU 8 SPOKE WITH A LOCAL CAVE ENTHUSIAST WHO THOUGHT THIS SINKHOLE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. LAKE OZARK RESIDENTS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO GET TO BUSINESSES ALONG VALLEY ROAD FROM THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF BAGNELL DAM BOULEVARD. THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HOPES TO RE-OPEN THE ROAD BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/26	10:03	1:24	THE MISSOURI HOUSE GAVE INITIAL APPROVAL TO THE 20-14 BUDGET AFTER SIX HOURS OF HEATED DEBATE. THE BUDGET THE HOUSE PASSED MAKES SEVERAL CHANGES TO GOVERNOR NIXON'S ORIGINAL BUDGET. THE HOUSE ADDED 65-MILLION DOLLARS TO THE FOUNDATION FORMULA TO FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION. IT ALSO ADDS MONEY FOR PRE-SCHOOL AS WELL AS BRIGHT FLIGHT AND ACCESS MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIPS.

HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/27	9:02	:46	CONCERNS ABOUT COST AND THE ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS IN ROCKY MOUNT TONIGHT  THE ROCKY MOUNT SEWER DISTRICT SAYS IT RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO BUILD A NEW SEWAGE FACILITY.  THE SEWER DISTRICT HAS TO CLEAR TWO MORE HURDLES BEFORE IT CAN BEGIN.  IF APPROVED, EACH RESIDENT WILL SEE AN INCREASE OF 56 DOLLARS A MONTH TO PAY FOR THE FACILITY.  BOARD MEMBERS SAY ROCKY MOUNT'S SEWAGE TANK IS ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD - AND A NEW FACILITY WILL IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY	3/28	4:38 6:12	2:20	WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU COULD VIVIDLY REMEMBER A DREAM? HOW ABOUT JUST WAKING UP FEELING RESTED? FOR ONE IN THREE WORKING AMERICANS, A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IS TRULY A DREAM AND THE SLEEP DEBT THEY'RE BUILDING UP IS DANGEROUSLY UNHEALTHY. BRITNEY GLASER FINDS OUT THE SLEEPY TOLL THIS CAN TAKE ON YOU. LIMITING USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES BEFORE BED CAN ALSO HELP YOU GET TO SLEEP FASTER.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT NOON	3/29	12:02	:45	CANDIDATES FOR COLUMBIA'S NEXT MAYOR AND TWO CITY COUNCIL SEATS TOOK PART IN A FINAL FORUM LAST NIGHT.  ABOUT A DOZEN COLUMBIA RESIDENTS ASKED THE CANDIDATES QUESTIONS, BUT ONE CAME FROM SOMEONE WHO LIVES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. SHE WANTED TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES POSITIONS ON THE 911 SALES TAX.  WHILE THE INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR SAY THEY ARE FOR THE TAX, THEIR CHALLENGERS AREN'T SO CONFIDENT. INCUMBENT MAYOR BOB MCDAVID SAYS THE 911

					SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED AND IS CONFIDENT IN THE SALES TAX  BUT HIS CHALLENGER SID SULLIVAN SAYS THE TAX WOULD PUT TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN ON LOW INCOME RESIDENTS.  THE PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE 3/8TH CENT SALES TAX WOULD FUND NEARLY 20 MILLION DOLLARS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE 911 CALL CENTER INCLUDING A NEW BUILDING AND NEW EQUIPMENT.  THE ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE	3/30	6:01 9:01	2:01	VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES GATHERED ACROSS THE STATE TO MARK MISSOURI'S FIRST-EVER VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY. STATE LAW SIGNED LAST SUMMER DESIGNATES EVERY MARCH 30-TH AS A DAY OF REMEMBERANCE FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE VIETNAM WAR. TODAY'S CEREMONIES COME A DAY AFTER A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBERANCE FOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE VIETNAM WAR.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE KOMU 8 NEWS AT NINE KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/31	5:01 9:01 10:00	1:19	MUNICIAPAL ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ACROSS THE STATE ON TUESDAY AND COLUMBIA AND BOONE COUNTY VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON SOME HOTBUTTON ISSUES.  ALONG WITH ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, COLUMBIA VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON A CONTROVERSIAL NEW SALES TAX. IT WOULD FUND NEARLY \$20 MILLION DOLLARS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COLUMBIA/BOONE COUNTY 911 CENTER. IMCUBENT MAYOR BOB MCDAVID IS IN FAVOR OF THE TAX, BUT HIS CHALLENGER SID SULLIVAN SAYS THE TAX UNFAIRLY HITS POORER RESIDENTS.